

Talpines Property Owners' Association (POA) budget summary

Talpines POA has forecasted revenues and expenses for the upcoming year and provides the following summary for members. Please contact the Treasurer if you would like more detailed information.

Member Contributions

Members pay an annual fee of \$30. This membership fee has remained stable for many years and funds all activities. No external funding is received. Directors volunteer their time, and many additional volunteers and members give generously of their time to support association activities.

Water testing

Talpines POA's main expense relates to the frequent water testing during the summer season. Water is tested approximately every two weeks from June through September, at a variety of locations. Testing examines e-coli levels through a private laboratory. Test results are provided to members via email and the website. Water testing costs are estimated to be approximately \$600.

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)

Talpines POA pays annual membership dues to FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, calculated on a per capita basis. The costs are estimated at \$265 for the upcoming year. Members receive valuable information from FOCA about the environment, water quality, and many other important issues. Membership activities and benefits can be found on the FOCA website, and through the link on the Talpines POA website: Talpines.ca

Talpines POA also funds the attendance of one director at the spring and fall FOCA meetings to keep up to date on emerging and ongoing issues, to learn of programs and to participate. Costs for attendance are estimated at \$200.

Talpines POA Annual General Meeting

Talpines POA holds an annual general meeting and usually rents the Legion Hall to hold this event. Guest speakers are invited, activity reports are given, and members provide valuable input. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$200. Talpines will also host a members' get together, at an estimated cost of \$85.00

The Website: Talpines.ca

Talpines POA maintains a website, which has been created and maintained by a volunteer. Members have access through the website to information and useful links, and are updated on events. Costs are estimated to be \$195, which relate to hosting fees on the internet.

Mailing Costs

Talpines POA has mailing costs associated with member renewal, and communications with members who do not have internet access. Costs are estimated to be \$80.

Talpines POA welcomes members' participation, ideas, creativity and input. If you have any comments on this summary or on any other aspect of Talpines POA, please contact us through the website, send an email to taytalpines@gmail.com, or call our President, David Cornish.